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LOCAL MEETING

KENTUCKY BRANCH

THE Kentucky Folk-Lore Society was organized the 3d of December, 1912, at a meeting of the Kentucky College Association in Lexington. Because of the congestion of events at this meeting, the organization of the Society was necessarily hurried. We were able, however, to make a beginning with thirty-five members, and also to advertise the Society somewhat among those whose names, for one reason or another, were not obtained for membership. Officers were elected as follows: *President*, Professor H. G. Shearin of Transylvania University; *Vice-Presidents*, Professor T. T. Jones of Kentucky State University, Professor R. S. Cottrill of Kentucky Wesleyan College, Professor C. B. Robertson of Berea College; *Secretary*, Professor D. L. Thomas of Central University; *Treasurer*, Professor E. B. Fowler of Georgetown College. Since the date of organization, circulars explanatory of the proposed work of the Society and soliciting new eligible members, have been sent to four hundred or more people in Kentucky, — teachers, ministers, lawyers, editors, and others. The list of charter members is held open until the 15th of April, 1913. The officers will have a meeting this month to determine on a time of an annual meeting and to discuss plans for stimulating work. Kentucky is rich in folk-lore material. Some work has been done of late in the folk-lore of this State, as is shown by the recently published results of investigations by Dr. H. G. Shearin of Transylvania University, and by Professor E. C. Perrow of the University of Louisville, but much remains to be done. Professor Perrow and Dr. Shearin have been very successful in collecting folk-songs, some of them old-country ballads. Since the recent organization of the Kentucky Folk-Lore Society, fresh impulse has been given to such work; and a number of people are now seeking one or another kind of folk-lore material in this State. It is hoped that some of their results may be published in The Journal of American Folk-Lore.

D. L. THOMAS, *Secretary*.

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